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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 6-16 with the following amended paragraph:

It is well known to protect a vehicle occupant by means of safety restraint systems, i.e., “passive restraint systems”, which self-actuate from an undeployed to a deployed state without the need for intervention by the operator. Such systems commonly contain or include an inflatable vehicle occupant restraint or element, such as in the form of a cushion or bag, commonly referred to as an “airbag cushion.” In practice, such airbag cushions are typically designed to inflate or expand with gas when the vehicle encounters a sudden deceleration, such as in the event of a collision. Such airbag cushions may desirably deploy into one or more locations within the vehicle between the occupant and certain parts of the vehicle interior, such as the doors, steering wheel, instrument panel or the like, to prevent or avoid having the occupant forcibly ~~striking~~ strike such parts of the vehicle interior.

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, line 9 through page 12, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

An inflation assembly effective for supplying a quantity of inflation gas to at least one associated inflatable restraint device, in accordance with another preferred embodiment of the invention, includes a first chamber containing a supply

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of at least one pyrotechnic gas generant material effective, upon reaction, to produce first reaction products at least including a quantity of gas and a quantity of heat. The inflation assembly also includes a first initiator in reaction initiating discharge communication with at least a portion of the supply of the at least one pyrotechnic gas generant material contained within the first chamber. The first initiator is effective upon actuation to initiate reaction of at least a portion of the supply of the at least one pyrotechnic gas generant material contained within the first chamber. The inflation further includes a diffuser chamber effective to discharge gas into the at least one associated inflatable restraint device. The diffuser chamber has a first end and a second end and is in gas flow communication through the first end with the first chamber upon actuation of the first initiator. The inflation assembly still further includes at least one gas treatment element at least in part disposed within the diffuser chamber. The at least one gas treatment element is effective for treating gas being discharged into the at least one associated inflatable restraint device. The inflation assembly also further includes a second chamber having at least one opening closed in a static state by means of at least one seal and having contents including a supply of at least one compressed gas. The inflation assembly yet also further includes a chamber opener effective upon actuation of the inflation assembly to open the second chamber and to release at least a portion of the gas source material into gas flow

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communication through the second end with the diffuser chamber and the at least one gas treatment element disposed therewithin.

Please replace the paragraph at page 17, lines 3-14 with the following amended paragraph:

In FIG. 1, the supply of the pyrotechnic material 54 is in the form of tablets and is contained within a gas generant canister 56, such as formed of a metal foil or the like and such as known in the art, disposed within the first chamber 30. Those skilled in the art will, however, appreciate that pyrotechnic materials in other forms such as wafers, extrudlets or the like, for example, can be used in the practice of the invention. Thus, it will be appreciated that the broader practice of the invention is not necessarily limited by the specific form of gas generant pyrotechnic material employed therein. Further, while the invention has been described relative to an embodiment that incorporates a canister to contain the supply of the gas generant material in a static state, the broader practice of the invention is not necessarily so limited as, for example, the invention can, if desired, be practiced ~~practice~~ without the incorporation and use of such a gas generant canister or the like.

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Please replace the paragraph at page 18, line 13 through page 19, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

The diffuser chamber 66 forms or includes exit openings, such as the exit openings 74, formed in or through the tubular member 12, and such as at least in part effective to discharge gas into an associated inflatable restraint device (not shown in FIG. 1). The diffuser chamber 66 includes or generally contains a gas treatment element ~~[[74]]~~ 76. As described in greater detail below and in general accordance with the invention, desirable gas treatment of a contacting stream typically involves one or more of: cooling, redirection of flow, and removal or filtering of particulate from such contacting stream. In accordance with one preferred embodiment of the invention, the gas treatment element 76 is generally composed of a pack of woven metal. Those skilled in the art and guided by the teaching herein provided will, however, appreciate that other forms of gas treatment elements can, if desired, be used and that the broader practice of the invention is not necessarily limited to specific or particular forms or types of gas treatment elements.

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Please replace the paragraph at page 28, line 20 through page 29, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

The tubular member 212 also houses or contains an orifice plate 246, and such as having an orifice 250 passing therethrough. The orifice plate 246 is suitably secured at a desired location within the tubular member 212, such as by means of a second orbital crimp 251 imposed in or on the tubular member 212.

Please replace the paragraph at page 32, lines 6-9 with the following amended paragraph:

Turning to FIGS. 5 and 6, there is illustrated the present invention as embodied in an inflation assembly, generally designated by the reference numeral 310. In the inflation assembly 310, ~~and wherein~~ at least the hot gas-producing chamber and the cold gas-supplying chamber are adjacently disposed side-by-side.

Please replace the paragraph at page 32, line 10 through page 33, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

The inflation assembly 310 is shown in a static state and is in many respects similar to the inflation assembly 210, described above. The inflation assembly 310 generally includes an elongated hollow tubular member 312 as well as a gas bottle 314 or the like such as forming a supplemental gas supply chamber 316.

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The tubular member 312 has an inner and an outer surface, 320 and 322, respectively, and forms generally opposed first and second ends, 324 and 326, respectively. The tubular member 312, at least in part, forms or includes a chamber or inflator device 330. The chamber 330 is sometimes hereinafter referred to as a “first chamber” or a “hot gas-producing chamber” and the supplemental gas supply chamber 316 is sometimes hereinafter referred to as a “second chamber” or a “cold gas-supplying chamber”. The tubular member 312 also houses or contains an initiator 332, such as described above. The initiator is ~~and~~ effective to ignite a supply of associated gas generant material. The initiator has or includes a discharge end 333.

Please replace the paragraph at page 33, lines 9-13 with the following amended paragraph:

The tubular member 312 also houses or contains an orifice plate 346, ~~and~~ such as having an orifice 350 passing therethrough. The orifice plate 346 is suitably secured at a desired location within the tubular member 312, such as by means of a second orbital crimp 351 imposed in or on the tubular member 312.